

# HOPSCOTCH

Early Learning Childcare Centre & Preschool  
Otorohanga



Giving your child a jump start



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**Newsletter**  
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## Diary Dates

6th August: Four Year Olds Authors Reading @ St John Ambulance Hall with Sally Sutton

28th August: Daffodil Day



## Strategic Plan

We've added our Strategic Plans to our Website. You'll find it under the Policies section of the relevant centre. Take a look and see how we're planning ahead. [www.hopscotch.kiwi](http://www.hopscotch.kiwi)

## Absences

If your child is going to be absent, please advise the centre every day of their absence either by phone or txt.



## Inappropriate Language in the Centre

This is a reminder to our families, that we are an education centre and it is NOT appropriate to use bad language or swear whilst at Hopscotch. Our teachers and parents/whanau are role models for the children and we need to speak and behave accordingly. We thank you for your support.

## Winter Clothing



Now that the weather is much colder, please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately with plenty of spare warm NAMED clothing.



## Policies for review

The following policies are due to be reviewed: Complaints, Emergencies, Enrolment and Positive Behaviour. Please take the time to read them and provide feedback to any of the staff.

## Collections

Only those people named on the child's enrolment form will be allowed to collect your child, and they must be at least 15 years old. A parent/caregiver is able to call the centre to give permission for somebody else to collect their child if they are not named on the enrolment form.

## Family Updates



### Early Learning Centre

We welcome our new children: Ben and Khody. And we farewell Travis, Olivia and Dylan who are moving up to the Preschool.

### Preschool

We welcome Travis, Olivia and Dylan from the Early Learning Centre. And we farewell Lauren, Blair and Emily X who are off to continue their learning journey at school.

## Staff Updates

- We're very excited to share the news that Stacey (our wonderful ELC teacher) is pregnant. Of course that also means that she won't be with us after Christmas as she'll be taking maternity leave. We'll let you know what we're doing about her position in due course.
- Vanessa and Gwen have jointly received July's Employee of the Month for their excellent work as co supervisors..
- Lauren will be away from the Preschool for four weeks from 27th July. She'll be on her final practicum for her Early Childhood degree.
- Now that our numbers are increasing in our infant area, we're currently advertising for a qualified Head Teacher with infants experience. We'll keep you posted with details of a successful applicant.

## Matariki @ Preschool



Throughout Matariki the children were involved in numerous learning opportunities. These included maths concepts whereby children counted the stars and made constellations using a variety of art materials. We made our own rakau sticks and decorated them with a Māori design that is significant for our Maniapoto iwi. Paper kites were also made as these are flown on the first day of the Māori New Year. Working together a beautiful feathered and paua shell kahu huruhuru (feathered cloak) was created by our tamariki. Such cloaks are worn during Matariki celebrations and on other important occasions.



## Matariki @ Early Learning Centre

We invited whanau into the centre so they could celebrate Matariki with the tamariki. The college did a performance for the tamariki which they really enjoyed seeing. We took some children over to the College to join in with their Matariki Celebration. Hopscotch also did a performance for the school which they enjoyed and joined in with us. Thanks to the College for involving us. We did lots of art work with the children around the Matariki Moon. We read books and sang lots of different songs. We had a great response from the children about Matariki and they were really involved.

